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CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

ORDER

OF THE

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

OF

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIONAL DIVISION

OF NORTH AMERICA.

PART I.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America is the Supreme Power of the Order.

PART II.

It shall be composed of such Grand and Past Grand Worthy Patriarchs, and Grand and Past Grand Worthy Associates, and such Past and Acting Grand Scribes as have served two consecutive years as Grand Scribes, as shall be elected their representatives by a majority of the members present at each Annual Session of the Grand Divisions.

PART III.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a Most Worthy Patriarch, Most Worthy Associate, Most Worthy Scribe, Most Worthy Treasurer, Most Worthy Chaplain, Most Worthy Conductor, and Most Worthy Sentinel, all of whom shall be elected at a regular Annual Session, and serve two years.

PART IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. — The M. W. Patriarch shall preside in the National Division He shall decide all questions of usage, as well as Constitutional questions, subject to an appeal to the National Division. He shall have power to visit Grand Divisions, personally or by deputy, and require a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order; or he may require from any G. W. P. information relative to the Grand Division over which he presides. He shall appoint all officers and committees required by the National Division, not otherwise provided for. He shall adopt and promulgate to the proper officers all the general passwords of the Order. During the recess of the National Division, he shall have power to grant Charters for Subordinate Divisions in a State, Territory, or Province where no Grand Division exists, as well as Charters for Grand Divisions, when proper application shall be made by Past and Acting Worthy Patriarchs from at least four Subordinate Divisions located in the same State, Territory, or Province; all Charters so

granted, however, shall be subject to confirmation by the National Division at its first regular session following. He shall make such arrangements for the proper opening of Divisions authorized by him, as, in his judgment, circumstances may require.

Sec. 2. — It shall be the duty of the M. W. Associate to assist the M. W. Patriarch, by counsel or otherwise, and in the absence or disability of the M. W. Patriarch, the M. W. Associate shall perform the duties of his office. In the absence of both at any Session, the senior P. M. W. P. present, shall preside.

Sec. 3. — The M. W. Patriarch shall have power to appoint a Deputy M. W. Patriarch for a State, Territory, or Province having no Grand Division, and such Deputy shall exercise a general supervision of the Order in the district for which he may be appointed, if not removed, until the organization of a Grand Division in said district, when his authority shall cease.

Sec. 4. — The M. W. Scribe shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the National Division, conduct its correspondence, under the direction of the M. W. Patriarch, keep true accounts between the National Division and all Divisions acting under its jurisdiction. He shall receive all moneys due the National Division, and pay the same over to the M. W. Treasurer without delay. He shall perform such other duties connected with his office as may be enjoined upon him from time to time by the National Division, and make a written report at each Annual Session. He shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duty as shall be approved by the M. W. P., M. W. A., and Junior Past M. W. P., and he shall receive as a compensation for such services, such sum as the National Division may from time to time determine.

Sec. 5. — The M. W. Treasurer shall have charge of the funds, securities, and vouchers of the National Division, and pay all orders drawn on him by the M. W. Scribe, attested by the M. W. Patriarch. He shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duty as shall be approved by the M. W. P., M. W. A., and Junior Past M. W. P. When going out of office, he shall deliver to his successor all moneys and other property in his possession belonging to the National Division. He shall make a written report of the state of the finances at each Annual Session, or whenever called upon by the M. W. Patriarch.

Sec. 6. — The M. W. Chaplain shall attend the meetings of the National Division, and perform the opening and closing solemnities.

Sec. 7. — The M. W. Conductor shall introduce members of the National Division, and conduct its processions.

Sec. 8. — The M. W. Sentinel shall guard the door, and allow none to enter or retire, but those duly authorized.

PART V.

The meetings shall be held annually at such place as may be agreed upon by a majority of votes at a regular Annual Session.

PART VI.

Applications for Charters for Subordinate Divisions from any State, Territory, or Province where no Grand Division exists, shall be made to the National Division, and such Subordinate Divisions shall remain under its jurisdiction until a Grand Division is instituted in such State, Territory, or Province, — making their regular quarterly returns to this body.

PART VII.

All Grand and Subordinate Divisions shall be governed strictly by the rules laid down in the Red and B. B.'s, as well as the established Constitutions, from which they shall in no instance depart, unless by direction of the National Division.

PART VIII.

Each Grand Division shall pay twenty dollars for its Charter, and also three cents for each member in its jurisdiction, to support the National Division, not counting suspended members. The *per capita* tax must be forwarded to the M. W. Scribe with the annual returns.

PART IX.

The form of application for a Grand Charter shall be as follows: *

(Date.)

Brother M. W. Scribe:

The undersigned, inhabitants of ———, and Past and Acting W. P.'s, of —— Division, No. 1, —— Division No. 2, —— Division No. 3, —— Division No. 4, of the Sons of Temperance, of said ———, respectfully petition the National Division to grant them a charter, to open a Grand Division, to be called the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the ——— of ———, to be located ———.

We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of the National Division.

Enclosed is the Charter Fee, $20. (Signed by at least seven.)

PART X.

SEC. 1.—Each Grand Division shall pay the *per capita* tax, and make returns to this body annually, on or before the 31st day of March, after the form established and furnished by the National Division, stating the number of Divisions under its jurisdiction, the number of members admitted, reinstated, suspended, expelled for violation of the pledge, expelled for other causes, and the number of deaths during the year, the number that have violated the pledge of total abstinence, the whole number of members, number of lady visitors admitted, whole number of lady visitors; the whole amount of money received, how much expended for relief or benefits, and the whole amount on hand; total *per capita* tax to Grand Division, total *per capita* tax to National Division, also the number of members in each Grand Division and its number of Representatives in the N. Division; number of public temperance meetings held, number of temperance tracts distributed, and number of boys and girls enrolled in temperance organizations.

SEC. 2. — All passwords shall be changed at the first meeting in October, annually.

SEC. 3. — No Grand Division shall be entitled to receive the passwords, or be allowed to have a voice or vote in the National Division, whose returns and *per capita* tax for the preceding year have not been sent to the M. W. Scribe, except by a vote of this body.

PART XI.

Any Grand Division refusing or neglecting to enforce or comply with the rules, usages, or laws of the National Division, shall forfeit its Charter, and all its properties, if two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of this body vote therefor. In such case, the representatives of the Division under trial shall not be allowed to vote.

* For form of application for Subordinate Divisions, see Constitution of Grand Divisions. The charter fee is five dollars when granted by the National Division.

PART XII.

VOTING.

SEC. 1. — In voting for officers, each member shall have one vote.

SEC. 2. — On ordinary questions, the vote may be taken as per usage; but when demanded by at least three members from different Grand Divisions, it shall be taken by Grand Divisions.

SEC. 3. — When a vote is demanded by Grand Divisions, the M. W. S. shall call the Grand Divisions according to date of organization, and a majority of the representatives present shall govern the vote. If the representatives of a Grand Division are equally divided, the vote shall be lost.

SEC. 4. — In voting by Grand Divisions, each Grand Division shall have ne vote for one thousand members or less, and one additional vote for every additional thousand up to four thousand, and one additional vote for every five thousand above that number.

PART XIII.

This body shall have power to alter, amend, abolish, or explain any of the existing usages or laws, as well as to establish new ones; but no alteration shall be made to this Constitution without a two thirds vote of the National Division.

PART XIV.

The National Division of the United States ordain and establish the following as the

CONSTITUTION

FOR

GRAND DIVISIONS.

RULE I.

NAME.

This body shall be known as the GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE OF THE ——— OF ———.

RULE II.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 1. — It shall be composed of such W. P.'s and P. W. P.'s whose honors are not forfeited, as the several Subordinate Divisions may elect. The Grand Division, however, shall have power to expel or otherwise punish any member for a violation of its rules.

SEC. 2. — Each Subordinate Division shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately, and with ball ballots, for representatives to the Grand Division.* All W. P.'s and P. W. P.'s shall be eligible, but such only shall be entitled to seats in the Grand Division (except those holding office in the Grand or National Divisions) as shall receive a majority of the votes cast, — the same being set forth in their credentials, as follows: —

——— Division, No. —, S. of T.
———, October —, 18—.

To the Grand Division of the ——— of ———.

This is to certify that W. P. (or P. W. P., and if more than one, the credentials may be made out together or separately) ——— has been duly elected to represent this Division in the Grand Division, until October next.

[SEAL.] In witness whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our R. S., and the seal of the Division to be attached.

——— ———, R. S.

SEC. 3. — Subordinate Divisions shall also have power to elevate those brothers to the Grand Division who reach the W. P.'s chair during the terms occurring between the annual elections for representatives, to serve until October following. Such brothers to be balloted for as prescribed in the preceding section.

RULE III.

TIME OF MEETING.

An Annual, Semi-Annual, or Quarterly Sessions, shall be held at such times as may have been fixed at a previous Annual Session, and officers shall be elected at the Annual Session.

RULE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a G. W. Patriarch, G. W. Associate, G. Scribe, G. Treasurer, G. Chaplain, G. Conductor, and G. Sentinel.

RULE V.

HOW ELECTED.

The Grand officers shall be elected by ballot. A majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to constitute a choice. In case of a tie, the balloting shall continue until a choice is made; the name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes at each balloting shall be withdrawn.

RULE VI.

The G. W. P. shall preside in the Grand Division. He shall have power to visit any Subordinate Division under his jurisdiction, and require a compliance to the rules and usages of the Order. He may summon any one of the Grand Officers, and require from him information respecting his office. He shall appoint all officers which may be required in this Grand Division, unless otherwise ordered. He shall have power to call special sessions, when requested in writing by at least five members, representing not less

* *Resolved*, That when Subordinate Divisions fail to elect representatives to the G. D.'s at the proper time, the G. D.'s may, at their option, admit representatives elected subsequently, provided their credentials are in other respects regular. [See proceedings of National Division, at its Thirteenth Annual Session.] — M. W. S.

than two Subordinate Divisions; but no alteration affecting the general interest of the Order throughout the jurisdiction shall be made, except at the annual session. He shall, personally or by deputy, visit each Division under his jurisdiction, at least once a quarter, and make a report at each Session. He shall also see that the annual returns are made out, and forwarded to the National Division.

RULE VII.

In the absence of the G. W. P. from his jurisdiction or the Grand Division, or in case of his inability or death, the G. W. A. shall perform the duties belonging to his office. In the absence of both, the Senior P. G W. P. present shall preside.

RULE VIII.

The Grand Scribe shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Grand Division. He shall keep a correct roll of the members, and notify meetings. He shall, as soon as possible, furnish the chairman (he who is first appointed) of every committee with a copy of so much of the minutes as relates to the business of such committee. He shall receive, file, and record all appeals, petitions, and applications, and certify all documents from the Grand Division. He shall receive, and properly record, all moneys of the Grand Division, and pay the same over to the G. T. without delay, taking his receipt therefor. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Division under its general rules, the direction of the G. W. P., and the established usages of the Sons of Temperance. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Division, with the necessary writings under his control, and at each session present a report of the important transactions during the term, with the amount of money received, and from what sources. He shall also prepare the annual returns, in accordance with Part 10 of the Constitution of the National Division, and shall send to the National Division all documents referred to it.

RULE IX.

The G. T. shall have charge of all the funds, property, security, and vouchers of the Grand Division; and pay all orders drawn on him by the G. S., and countersigned by the G. W. P. He shall attend on the Grand Division, or its presiding officer, when required, with all necessary books and instruments relating to his office; he shall also meet with any Grand Committee, whose duty it may be to act in relation to the finances of the Grand Division. When going out of office, he shall immediately deliver to his successor in office, or to whomsoever shall be appointed to receive the same, all moneys, securities, evidences of debt, books, writings, and property of the Grand Division which may be in his possession, or under his control, with all proper assignments. He shall render a full report at each session.

RULE X.

The G. Chaplain shall attend the meetings of the Grand Division, and perform the duties of his office.

RULE XI.

The G. Conductor shall introduce the Grand Officers at their installation, new members for initiation, and conduct the processions of the Grand Division. He shall have charge of all property not properly under the control of either of the other officers. At the opening of the meeting, he shall see the officers' badges in their proper places, and at the close, see them safely put away.

RULE XII.

The G. Sentinel shall guard the door, and see that none enter or retire but those duly authorized.

RULE XIII.

VOTING.

SEC. 1. — On all questions, the vote may be taken as per usage; but when demanded by at least three representatives from different Divisions, it shall be taken by Divisions.

SEC. 2. — When a vote by Divisions is demanded, the G. Scribe shall call the roll by Divisions, beginning with No. 1, and a majority of the representatives present from each Division shall govern its vote. If the representatives of a Division are equally divided, its vote shall be lost.

SEC. 3. — In voting by Divisions, each Division shall be entitled to one vote for fifty contributing members or less; and every additional fifty contributing members shall entitle it to an extra vote.

RULE XIV.

QUORUM.

Seven brothers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RULE XV.

REVENUE.

The revenue of this Grand Division shall be derived as follows: For every charter to open a new Division, not less than five dollars. The *per capita* tax from Subordinate Divisions shall be regulated by the Grand Division, and shall be sent with the returns to the Grand Division at the close of each quarterly term.

RULE XVI.

All members of Divisions under this jurisdiction shall have the right of appeal to this body, and, through it, to the National Division. Members of this body shall also have the right of appeal to the National Division. All decisions of the acting body are to be and remain in force until reversed by the superior body in the case.

RULE XVII.

Any Division neglecting to make quarterly returns and payment of dues, shall be disqualified from voting in the Grand Division; nor shall they be entitled to receive the passwords until said returns and payments are made.

RULE XVIII.

Any Division neglecting to comply with the rules and regulations of the Grand Division, shall forfeit its Charter and other property, if two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Grand Division concu therein. *Provided*, however, Subordinate Divisions in all cases shall have the right of appeal to the National Division.

RULE XIX.

No concert, festival, or other public assemblage of any description shall be allowed, without permission from the Grand Division, except funerals. Neither shall any brother appear in the regalia of the Order, at any concert, festival, public assemblage, or procession, unless permission has been duly granted by the Grand Division.

RULE XX.

Members of the Order, and lady visitors duly vouched for, may be admitted to visit Grand Divisions, on being duly obligated.

RULE XXI.

Brothers shall be allowed only to represent Subordinate Divisions of which they are members; nor can any person be a member of two Subordinate Divisions at the same time. In case of the transfer of a member, he shall not be disqualified on that account, but may be elected to represent the Division to which he may become attached.

RULE XXII.

Applications to open new Divisions must be signed by at least eight persons, who must be men of good standing in the community, and the Grand Division shall have power to send such delegate or delegates as may be deemed proper, to superintend the organization, and train them into the usages of the Order, said delegates always to be subject to the instructions of the Grand Divisions. If any members are received on cards, the instituting officer shall return their cards to the Grand Scribe to be cancelled.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

———— (Date.)

The undersigned, inhabitants of ————, believing the Order of the Sons of Temperance to be well calculated to extend the blessings of total abstinence, and promote the general welfare of mankind, respectfully petition the Grand Division of the ——— of ———, to grant them a Charter to open a new Division, to be called the ——— Division, No. —, Sons of Temperance, of the ——— of ———, to be located in ———, and under your jurisdiction.

We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to be governed by the rules and usages of said Grand Division, and also by those of the National Division. And in case this Division shall at any time suspend work — forfeit or surrender its charter — all its properties, real and personal, shall revert to and vest in the Grand Division granting the Charter.

Enclosed is the charter fee, $—. Books, $——.

It must also be stated whether the applicants are members of the Order or not; if they are, of what Division. To be directed to the Grand Scribe, free of postage.

RULE XXIII.

Members of Grand Divisions shall be deprived of the privilege of speaking or voting, unless clothed in appropriate regalia, as specified in the printed proceedings of the National Division of 1845, except under the provisions of the R. B. of Grand Divisions, which guarantee all the privileges of membership to brothers during the session at which they were initiated, without being clothed in the regalia of the Grand Division.

RULE XXIV.

No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular annual session of th National Division.

RULE XXV.

To maintain uniformity, the National Division of the United States ordain the following Constitution and Code of Laws for the government of Subordinate Divisions, at the same time empowering them to make such By-Laws as do not contravene it or the rules of the Order.

CONSTITUTION

FOR

SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS.

PREAMBLE.

We, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming an association to enable us more effectually to protect ourselves and others from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance, and elevate our characters, do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED, JUNE, 1862.

REVISED, JUNE, 1866.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as ———— Division No. — of the Sons of Temperance, of the —— of ——.

ARTICLE II.

PLEDGE.

No member shall make, buy, sell, or use, as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Persons, fourteen years of age and upwards, possessing a character for integrity, and who have not been rejected by, or expelled from, any other Division within six months, shall be eligible to membership; but no member shall be allowed to vote in the Division who is under eighteen years of age: *provided*, that females shall not be admitted to membership within the jurisdiction of any Grand Division, unless permission be first granted by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Division, nor in any Subordinate Division, unless the Division shall so decide by a two-thirds vote after two weeks' notice. *And provided further*, That members between the ages of fourteen and eighteen may be allowed to vote by By-Law of their Subordinate Division, permission having first been obtained from the Grand Division for the enactment of such By-Law.

VISITORS.

SECTION 2. Divisions having decided so to do by a two-thirds vote, after two weeks' notice, may admit females fourteen years of age and upwards, as VISITORS, at such times and under such regulations, as may be prescribed by law, subject to the same forms of proposition, investigation, and ballot, as in the case of members.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a Worthy Patriarch, Worthy Associate, Recording Scribe, Assistant Recording Scribe, Financial Scribe, Treasurer, Chaplain, Conductor, Assistant Conductor, Inside Sentinel and Outside Sentinel, all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz., last regular meetings in September, December, March, and June, and installed the first regular meetings in October, January, April, and July.

SECTION 2. Subordinate Divisions admitting Lady Visitors, may elect quarterly by ballot, at the time prescribed for election of other officers, a Lady Sentinel, Lady Conductor, and three Lady Assistants. Lady Visitors shall be entitled to participate in the balloting.

SECTION 3. No member shall be eligible to the offices of W. P., W. A., Treasurer, and Chaplain, who is under twenty-one years of age, except by dispensation from the Grand Division: *provided*, that no person elevated to the office of W. P. by such dispensation shall be elected a representative to a Grand Division until twenty-one years of age.

SECTION 4. Each officer shall perform the duties laid down in his obligation and charge at installation, and such other duties as his Grand or Subordinate Division may require of him.

ARTICLE V.

FINANCE.

SECTION 1. The minimum amount to be paid for initiation fees, and dues or assessments, *may* be regulated by each Grand Division.

SECTION 2. The question of payment of weekly benefits in cases of sickness, or funeral benefits, and the amount to be paid, *shall* be regulated by each Division.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFENSES.

Any member offending against the Constitution, Code, or By-Laws, or who shall be convicted of crime by a judicial tribunal, or be guilty of any conduct unbecoming a Son of Temperance, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the law may prescribe, and the nature of the case require.

ARTICLE VII.

CARDS, PASS-WORDS, CEREMONIES, AND REGALIA.

The Cards, Pass-words, Ceremonies, and Regalia prescribed and established by the National Division, shall be the only ones recognized or used by the Division.

ARTICLE VIII.

RESIGNATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS.

Members can dissolve their connection with the Division or the Order only in such manner as may be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IX.

CHARTERS.

A proposition to surrender the charter of a Division shall lie on the table at least four weeks, the members being duly notified, and the charter shall not be surrendered as long as seven members will sustain the Division.

ARTICLE X.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS.

Every member shall have the right to respectfully protest against the action of the Division, or appeal from its decision to the Grand Division, and through the Grand Division to the National Division. All decisions of the acting body shall however be and remain in force, until reversed by the superior body in the case.

ARTICLE XI.

TERMS.

Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April, and July. Members holding office at the close of the term shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered and amended by a two-thirds vote of the National Division, to be taken by Grand Divisions, in regular annual session; but By-Laws which do not conflict with this Constitution, and the Code, or the established rules and usages of the Order, may be enacted by each Division.

CODE OF LAWS.

CHAPTER I.

NAME.

The name, number or location of a Division shall be designated, and may be changed by the Grand Division.

CHAPTER II.

PLEDGE.

SECTION 1. The manufacture, sale and use of cider or wine, fermented or unfermented, or of any kind of spirituous or malt liquors, or any kind of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, whether enumerated in the pledge or not, is a violation of the same; and the simple fact of the manufacture, sale or use of such drinks, by a member, shall be *prima facie* evidence against such member on a trial for violation of the pledge, so as to devolve on the accused the necessity of proving that they were not manufactured, sold or used as a beverage.

SECTION 2. A physician's certificate or prescription shall not necessarily relieve a member from a *charge* for violation of the pledge, as the internal use of the liquors prohibited by the pledge is in no way provided for by our laws; but the Subordinate Division in the case shall be the judge of any wantonness or collusion which may appear in relation to the matter.

SECTION 3. Any member who makes, buys or sells any of the liquors prohibited by the pledge, to be used as a beverage, for the accommodation of a customer or friend, although he may not design to make any profit thereon, or any member acting as salesman in such liquors, as a beverage, or any member buying or selling such liquors in any manner, as a beverage, or letting buildings for making, buying or selling such liquors, as a beverage, except an agent, or officer of the law acting officially, or an auctioneer required to sell by the terms of his license, violates the pledge.

SECTION 4. In a trial for violation of the pledge, or any other offense, it is the duty of the *Committee* to notify the accused of the time and place of meeting for the trial, and a notice by mail after a reasonable time, is a legal and sufficient notice.

SECTION 5. A Division shall have no right to require its members to take any pledge other than that adopted by the National Division; neither shall it inflict any penalty for a violation of the pledge, except that laid down in the Constitution, or Code.

SECTION 6. An acknowledgment, personally or in writing, by a member, of a violation of the pledge, is in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution.

CHAPTER III.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Constitution provides the terms of eligibility to membership, and no Division shall have the right to enlarge or prescribe those terms, except that Divisions paying benefits may require a *health* qualification to defend them from imposition and loss.

SECTION 2. The name of a candidate for admission must be proposed by member, in writing, stating age, residence and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three members for investigation, who shall report in writing at the next succeeding regular meeting, unless granted further time by the Division, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if a majority of white balls, and not more than *four* black balls appear, shall be declared elected; but if *five* or more black balls appear, shall be rejected, and so declared. In cases where there is not a majority of white balls, and less than five black balls, the Division, on motion, may proceed to another ballot.

SECTION 3. A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn, after it has been referred to a Committee for investigation, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

SECTION 4. The name of a person constitutionally rejected, suspended or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to Divisions.

SECTION 5. The character of a candidate for membership may be discussed in the Division any time after the report of a committee of investigation, and previous to the ballot being taken; but the *ballot* is a secret vote, and it is improper to call on any member for the reasons of his vote. The name to be balloted for should always be read openly to the Division.

SECTION 6. Any action of a Division in reference to an individual proposed for membership therein, without his consent, is invalid and void; but any person having been proposed, after giving such consent, can not, previous to election or rejection, be proposed in any other Division.

SECTION 7. The name of any person applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same proposition, investigation and ballot, as a new applicant.

SECTION 8. On the admission of any member to the Division by card, the Recording Scribe shall immediately notify the Division granting the card, of the fact.

SECTION 9. A candidate may be proposed, balloted for and initiated at any regular meeting by the unanimous consent of the members present.

SECTION 10. A suspended member is under the control and jurisdiction of the Subordinate Division, and subject to their judgment, during such suspension.

VISITORS.

SECTION 11. Visitors shall not be entitled to participate in the special business deliberations of the Order, or vote, except to ballot on the admission of Visitors.

SECTION 12. Visitors may propose persons for visitors, assist in the ceremonies of introduction and initiation of visitors, and take part in exercises and discussions under the head of the good of the Order.

SECTION 13. The privileges of any or all visitors may be withdrawn or suspended for the time, or permanently, by a two thirds vote of the Division.

SECTION 14. No formal trial of a Visitor shall be had unless demanded by herself, and the demand sustained by a majority vote of the members present, and in case of trial, the mode for the trial of members shall be conformed to as near as may be.

CHAPTER IV.

OFFICERS AND HONORS.

SECTION 1. If a Division fails to elect or install its officers at the time named in Article IV., section 1, of the Constitution, such election or installation may be had subsequently, by leave of the G. W. P. or his Deputy.

SECTION 2. If a Division has no member constitutionally qualified or willing to accept the office of W. P., it shall be taken charge of by the G. W. P., or his Deputy, who shall preside over the same until the disability is removed.

SECTION 3. In case of the absence of the W. P. and W. A. of a Division, the senior P. W. P. present shall preside, which seniority shall be governed by the date of service as W. P.

SECTION 4. A vacancy, occurring during the term, may be filled at any time by election and installation.

SECTION 5. The seat of any officer may be declared vacant for neglect of duty three successive meetings, by a majority vote, provided one week's notice is given in the Division, and three days' notice given him personally, or by mail, by the R. S.

SECTION 6. A member joining a Division by Card carries with him, and is entitled to, all his unforfeited honors.

SECTION 7. A member losing his connection with the Order, by suspension, expulsion or voluntary resignation, can not claim any honors when he *again* connects himself with the Order; and any member acknowledging or convicted of a violation of the pledge shall forfeit all honors previously earned.

CHAPTER V.

FINANCE.

SECTION 1. The initiation fee, quarterly dues, assessments or fines of any member may be remitted by a vote of the Division.

SECTION 2. When a member is six months in arrears for dues, and the F. S. shall have duly notified the delinquent, and he fails to pay his dues for one month thereafter, the Division may, without charge or trial, suspend or expel him. Any member who has been suspended for more than six months may be admitted as a new member.

CHAPTER VI.

OFFENSES.

SECTION 1. Any member convicted of a crime by any judicial tribunal *may* be suspended or expelled by a vote of the Division, without any formal charge, notice or trial.

SECTION 2. If a member acknowledges a violation of the pledge, the W. P. shall declare forfeited all honors previously earned by such member, and then proceed immediately to call for a ballot on the question of expulsion. If a majority ballot in favor, the W P. shall declare the member expelled, and order the F. S. to erase the name from the books. If a majority do not ballot in favor of expulsion, the membership of the offender shall be retained, and no further action shall be taken except that the Division may by vote, require the offender to be re-obligated.

SECTION 3. Any member who has good reason to believe that a member has violated the Pledge, proved false to any of the obligations of a Son of Temperance, or been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, shall prefer a charge in writing, stating the nature of the offense, the time, place, and circumstances as near as may be of its commission.

SECTION 4. When such charge shall have been preferred, the W. P. shall appoint a committee of five members, who shall, as soon as practicable, summon the accused and witnesses, *pro* and *con*, and investigate the matter.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall organize by appointing a Chairman and Secretary, and they may receive the testimony of those who are not members. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented; which record shall be produced to the Division, on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

SECTION 6. The Committee shall report the charge "*sustained*," or "not sustained," as is warranted by the evidence before them.

SECTION 7. If the Committee report the charge "not sustained," and the Division adopt the Report, all further proceedings shall be stayed. If they report the charge "sustained," or if there is a majority and a minority report, the subject shall be laid upon the table until the next meeting, and the accused notified to be present.

SECTION 8. Upon a final hearing of the case by the Division, a ballot shall be had, when, if a majority vote against sustaining the charge, the case shall be dismissed; if a majority vote in favor of sustaining the charge, the penalty shall be fixed by a vote of the Division, unless the law prescribes the penalty, in which case it shall be enforced by order of the W. P.

SECTION 9. If the accused is found guilty of violating the Pledge, the W. P., after declaring forfeited all honors previously earned by such member, shall proceed to ballot as in section 2d of this chapter.

SECTION 10. In cases of expulsion, the vote shall always be taken by

ballot; and in no case shall a member be present when a vote or ballot is taken on his case, under this chapter, either by the Committee or the Division.

CHAPTER VII.

CARDS, PASS-WORDS, CEREMONIES, AND REGALIA.

SECTION 1. Traveling, Withdrawal, and Clearance Cards shall not be granted for a longer period than one year.

SECTION 2. Before a member shall be entitled to a Traveling Card, he must pay all dues in advance for the full time such Card is desired, not exceeding one year, and the fee for the Card.

SECTION 3. A member with a Traveling Card shall be allowed to visit on his giving the Traveling Pass-word which was in use at the date of its issue.

SECTION 4. A member shall not be entitled to a Withdrawal Card until the Division has voted the same, after payment of all dues and the fee for the Card; *but after a vote has been passed granting a Card*, the membership of the applicant shall be severed, and the Division shall have no right to reconsider such vote, or to withhold the Card from such member. The Division shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of a member to whom such Card is granted, until he shall have become a member of another Division, and for sufficient cause may revoke the Card.

SECTION 5. If a Subordinate Division surrenders or forfeits its charter, or is suspended, the Grand Division having jurisdiction shall have the right to grant a Clearance Card to each of the members of said Division making written application for the same, who may be deemed worthy by said Grand Division, and said Card shall be of the same value as a Withdrawal Card.

SECTION 6. If a member in possession of a Clearance Card shall be guilty of an offense, a charge shall be made to the G. W. P., or his Deputy, who shall transfer the same to a Subordinate Division in the vicinity of the accused, for trial in the usual form; and in case of a conviction, the G. D granting such Card shall be notified of the action.

SECTION 7. A member who has taken a Withdrawal or Clearance Card is not entitled to the Pass-word, nor can he claim a right to enter a Division.

SECTION 8. Visiting members not being able to give the Quarterly Pass-word may be admitted if vouched for, as prescribed in the B. B.; but a Division shall have the right to refuse admission to a visiting member who can work his way, upon being satisfied that he has lost his membership, or been irregularly admitted, or has previously deported himself improperly in the Division.

SECTION 9. The Pass-word may be withheld from a member against whom a charge has been preferred.

SECTION 10. A W. P. may communicate the Quarterly or Traveling Pass-word to a traveling brother, when requested so to do by the W. P. of his Division, in writing under the seal of the Division.

SECTION 11. Every member, during the session of the Division, shall be

clothed in appropriate regalia, unless excused by a vote of the Division. The Representatives to the G. D. and N. D. present may wear the regalia of their respective bodies, unless they are serving in some office, in which case they must be clothed in the proper official regalia.

SECTION 12. The mourning badge shall be black crape, and worn on the left arm. The official badges, and emblems, and staffs of office may be draped in mourning.

SECTION 13. Portions of the ceremonies of initiation may be omitted by a two thirds vote of the Division; provided that in no one case shall the obligations be dispensed with.

CHAPTER VIII.

RESIGNATIONS.

SECTION 1. A member may dissolve his connection with the Order by paying all demands against him on the books of the Division, and tendering his written resignation; such resignation shall lie upon the table one week, when, if not withdrawn, the request shall be granted, unless there be a charge preferred against him, or notice given that such will be done at that or the following meeting.

SECTION 2. A member who has resigned may be restored to membership by the usual ballot, without initiation, within three months, by re-signing the Constitution, and paying the initiation fee.

CHAPTER IX.

CHARTERS.

SECTION 1. If applicants for a Charter fail to present themselves for initiation within three months after the organization of the Division, their names shall be erased from the Charter, and the first names signed to the Constitution after the Charter members shall be inserted in place thereof, in case the constitutional number is deficient.

SECTION 2. The name of a regularly admitted member shall in no event be erased from the Charter.

SECTION 3. At the opening of a new Division, the officiating brother shall be authorized to add to the number of the Charter members, at the request of the applicants, returning the names so added in his Report.

CHAPTER X.

AMENDMENTS.

This Code of Laws shall not be repealed or amended, nor any part thereof, except by a two thirds vote of the National Division.

Amendments to the Constitutions adopted by the National Division at its Twenty-fifth Annual Session.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

PART VIII.—Add the words,

"Each Grand Division shall *also* pay annually to the propagation fund of the National Division, which fund is hereby established, the sum of *ten cents per capita* on each *new* member introduced within their jurisdiction during the year."

CONSTITUTION FOR GRAND DIVISIONS.

RULE XXII.—At close of form of application for charter, strike out the words "granting the charter," and insert "having jurisdiction."

CODE OF LAWS.

CHAPTER VI., SECTION 2.—Add the words,

"PROVIDED, That in case of failure to appear for re-obligation within *thirty days* after notification, the vote may be rescinded, and the ballot again taken on the question of expulsion."

CHAPTER VII.—Strike out the whole of Section 1.